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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A2, A3, A4, A6, and A7 were cited in the International Search Report in the Applicants' International Application PCT/JP01/03767. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the Examiner is attached.

Document A1 and Document A2 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

The relevance of Document A5 is described in the present specification.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609). An English language abstract for Document A5 is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	A1	5,877,600	March 2, 1999	Sonntag	318	139		
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A2	0 773 131	May 14, 1997	EPO				X
	A3	0 798 798	Oct. 1, 1997	EPO				
	A4	0 993 060	April 12, 2000	EPO				
	A5	9-315801	Dec. 9, 1997	Japan				Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	A6	Moser et al., "PEM Fuel Cells: Technology and Application in Electrically Driven Vehicles," EVS - 13. 13th International Electric Vehicle Symposium, Osaka (Oct. 13-16, 1996), Vol. 1, Symp. 13, pp. 680-685.						
	A7	Nadal et al., "Development of a Hybrid Fuel Cell/Battery Powered Electric Vehicle," International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, Vol. 21, No. 6 (June 1, 1996), pp. 497-505.						
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